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**To:** Microsoft ATR  
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Dear Judge Kollar-Kotally,

I am a concerned citizen writing to you about the Microsoft settlement. I ask that you ensure that the punishment is commensurate with the criminal offenses of which Microsoft has been convicted. Consider the amount of money they made in dealing unfairly and brutally with other industry members in the pursuit of profit. Does the current settlement penalize them to the degree of the profit they reaped? I do not think so.

The current penalty does not seem to have any way of changing the way this company operates. Any corporation that has used unfair sales practices to gain an advantage cannot be trusted to police itself. They have lost the right to be self-regulating by the gross offenses of which a court has found them guilty. Any penalty that does not change the way they do business is nothing more than a 21st century version of jury nullification. Doesn't our pledge of allegiance end with "liberty and justice for ALL?" Justice should be executed upon all lawbreakers regardless of how much money they have or even the impact it might have on the economy - as bizarre as that may sound.

My fear is that when such crimes go relatively unpunished, it sends the message that there is no justice. Our economy will recover but our values and morals - the bedrock of society - will not recover if the courts refuse to uphold the law. In fact, without commensurate penalty, you are creating the very environment that allows companies like Microsoft to continue breaking the law.

As a judge, you have an obligation to uphold the law. I urge you to do so. Do not nullify the judgment of guilt by meaningless penalties that neither right past wrongs nor ensure future wrongs will not be committed.

Sincerely,

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